GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES-2010
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that despite the private companies taking over the management of important airports, no improvement has been noticed in the condition of the airports ;

(b) if so, the facts and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government has brought this fact to the notice of the private companies to make expeditious improvement in the condition of important airports in view of the Commonwealth Games-2010 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the private companies thereto; and

(e) the arrangements made/proposed to be made to handle the expected air passengers and air traffic during the Commonwealth Games-2010 at the each airport in the country;airport-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a),(b),(c),(d),&(e) of Lok Sabha () Starred Question No. 328 for 06.09.2007 regarding Arrangements for Commonwealth Games-2010.

(a) to (e): Delhi and Mumbai airports are being developed and modernized in accordance with the Operation, Management and Development Agreements (OMDAs)signed between the concerned private operator (Joint Venture Company) and Airports Authority of India (AAI). Implementation of OMDAs is being closely monitored by a Committee headed by Secretary (Civil Aviation).

In order to handle the expected traffic during the Commonwealth Games, 2010, Delhi airport, inter-alia, would have a new runway of 4.4 Km length, a new integrated Passenger Terminal Building catering to both domestic and international traffic. With the new facilities, the airport will be able to handle 37 million passengers per annum.The ongoing expansion and modernization works are scheduled to be completed by March 2010 well in time for the Commonwealth Games.

Important works undertaken at Mumbai airport towards its expansion and modernization include construction of a new Domestic Terminal, expansion of International Apron,construction of a new high speed exit Taxiway. With these new facilities, the airport will be able to handle 40 million passengers per annum. All these works are targeted to be completed by March 2010.